

WHAT'S UP AT THE CREEK

SUNDAY'S AT THE CREEK

Worship - 10 am
 Sunday School - 8:30 am

CHILDREN MINISTRY

Prairie Creek Kids
 WNL - Epiphany
 Sunday School - New Testament

STUDENT MINISTRY

TheHouse
 WNL - Who is Jesus?
 Sunday School - Building 242



2024 IN REVIEW

By Pastor Ben

In 2024, we made significant strides in aligning our church and ministries with the principles of Acts 2:42. Throughout the year, we focused on embodying the core elements of this scripture: being devoted to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer.

We made prayer the heart of our efforts, establishing it as the engine that drives us forward. Through the Prayer Watch, we sought to deepen our connection with God. In August, we invited Bud Simon to teach us about healing and deliverance through prayer. Additionally, we equipped our prayer ministry team to use their gifts to support and engage with the congregation during worship services.

We also created spaces for fellowship around God's Word through our tables, home groups, Sunday School classes, and Sermon Shots—a new initiative that allows us to share sermon content on social media and spark group discussions.

This year also brought a personal season of rest and reflection for my family. Julie, the kids, and I took a sabbatical, which gave us the opportunity to reset and seek God's vision for the next steps in our journey—looking ahead one, three, and even five years from now. We've started sharing this vision, but there are still many more stories to tell. You all have an important role to play in what God is doing in 2025 and beyond!

As we turn our sights on 2025 and beyond my hopes and dreams for this year is that I do a better job of listening to you the church and what you need and desire for Prairie Creek, that we listen to God together, love the ones we are with and are intentional about reaching across the generations and nations.

Here's to a great 2024 and an even better 2025!





- Blessman Ministries
- Breakfast with Santa and Santa’s Workshop
- DC-G Angel Fund
- Four Corners Home for Children
- Garden Gate Ranch
- Good Samaritan Account
- Greenfield Tornado Relief
- Grimes Storehouse
- Meals from the Heartland
- Operation Set Free/Exodus 5:1
- Shiprock Methodist Church
- Single Parent Provision
- Uganda Mission Trip

2024 Partners In Mission - \$91,140

In 2024, we were blessed with many opportunities to support our mission partners through both our actions and generous giving. We were able to contribute to 14 different efforts, both locally and globally, as we worked together to serve those in need. Our congregation actively volunteered time for local initiatives, and some even traveled to other states and countries to offer hands-on support.

Our commitment as a church has always been to dedicate at least 10% of our Tithes to partner in mission each month. However, due to some financial challenges, we temporarily reduced that percentage to 5% during the spring and summer and resumed to 10% in November. Thanks to your incredible generosity through special offerings, we were able to finish the year strong, ultimately giving 17% of our Tithes to our Partners in Mission!

Your support has made a lasting impact, and we look forward to continuing this journey of service and giving in the year ahead.

Have a Question?

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GRIMES HUNGER FIGHT
FEBRUARY 15TH
PACKAGING
SIGN UP

JANUARY PARTNER IN MISSION

February 2025
Partner in Mission

Prairie Creek Medical Mission to Watoto in 2026 **Exodus 5.1 Freeing Families from Slavery**



Worship Attendance and Tithes

2024 was a year of growth and renewal for Prairie Creek. Our Sunday morning attendance grew by 7%, with an average of 153 people joining us each week. We welcomed 28 new members, including 9 through confirmation and the rest as adults. Our Christmas Eve services saw a wonderful turnout of 282 people across three services.

Additionally, our tithes for 2024

increased by 2.6% compared to 2023, and our expenses remained right on target with our income.

While the year was marked by many positive milestones, it also came with its challenges. We transferred 6 memberships to other churches and sadly lost 4 beloved members due to death. Our hearts ache for these losses, and we hold their families in our prayers.

As we look ahead to 2025, we recognize that we are growing and are excited that our service is becoming full. In response, we're taking the time to carefully consider feedback from focus groups and assess the best approach for scheduling worship services to accommodate our growing community. We are excited for what lies ahead, and grateful for your continued presence and support.





In 2024, we successfully accomplished our goal of studying and exploring the stories of the Old Testament. While the journey took time, it was incredibly rewarding to walk alongside the kids and help them experience the wonder of our amazing God.

We also had the opportunity to put our faith into action by greeting our church family one Sunday before service and assisting with the offering. Serving alongside all of our volunteers has been such a joy, as we've witnessed the growth and enthusiasm of our Prairie Creek Kids each week.

Our goal for 2025 is to continue showing the love of God to every child involved in PC Kids. We are committed to creating an environment where kids feel empowered to shine God's love through active service opportunities, while teaching them stories that will guide them on their faith journey for years to come.

We are especially excited for VBS 2025. Watch for details!

By Heidi Hall & Sam Willson

Looking back on the year, we can confidently say that VBS was a huge success. The kids singing at Christmas was such a heartwarming moment, and it's been incredible to see the energy and excitement in both Wednesday Night Live and Sunday School as the kids eagerly dive deeper into learning about God and Jesus. Watching them grow in their faith has truly been a blessing.



Prarie Creek Kids

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THE HOUSE

STUDENT MINISTRIES @ PRAIRIE CREEK

By Nicole Keuper & Wes Schlenker

You should know first and foremost, why The House Student Ministries is called The House! The House is a place where everyone has a seat at the table. It is a place of refuge, a place to laugh, share stories, cry, worship, learn, teach, be weird, experience life. It is a place built on Jesus and nothing less. He is our firm foundation, and though the rains come and the winds blow, our House is built on Him.

Secondly, you should know that the House has amazing leaders who love our students dearly and have a passion to share Jesus with them, and be occasionally weird with them; whether pelting old marshmallows at each other, sharing the gospel, teaching them how to worship, or how to eat cake without a fork.

They make The House function, and they are:

Dale Klocksiem (25+ years), Meg Grove (7 years), Steve Schmidt (4 years), Josh Dahm (3 years), Rebekah Schlenker (4 years), Meg Fox (3 years), Kristi Todd (2 years), Phil Bargfrede (2 years), Dan Hall (1 year) and our student leader, Adam Henson (1 semester).

In 2024, we recognized that our students are in the midst of spiritual battles, struggling to balance demanding schedules and prioritize God. Overworked, overcommitted, and exhausted, they face a culture that demands perfection. So, we simplified. We want the House to be a place of rest and reprieve—a space where students can connect with Jesus and each other.

We've been exploring Jesus' responses to everyday challenges, learning how to live out His teachings. Last summer, our mission trip to Rapid City, SD, sparked a passion for service. The relationships that we built there are allowing us to return this June. We're also excited to launch The Timothy Project, a middle school mission trip serving the Des Moines community, and look forward to seeing what God is doing in the lives of our youngest students.

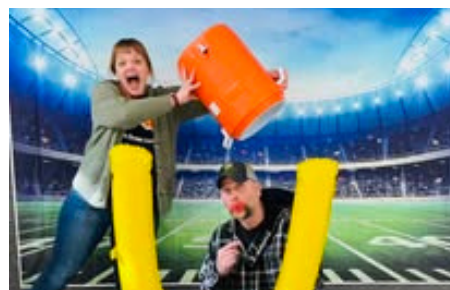
Last year was about growth and experimenting. We learned what worked and what didn't. We adapted and removed, bent and flowed in some areas, resisted and pulled in others. Wes and Nicole stretched a lot within student ministry. But they were also stretched personally as they experienced great heartache and loss within their individual families.

But we know that in all the trials and struggles of this world, they are nothing compared to the overwhelming love of the Father. Without a doubt, His love for the House extends far beyond its walls, following each student as they step out into the world.

Student Ministry Directors

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- Prayer Conference
- If Gathering
- Collected winter clothes for those in need
- Christmas Eve Services
- Good Friday Service
- Hosted Watoto Children’s Choir
- 3 Heath Brothers Concert
- Set Christian Slaves Free
- AND MANY MORE!

If 2024 is any indication of what is to come in 2025 it is going to be fun and exciting!

2024 was a busy year!

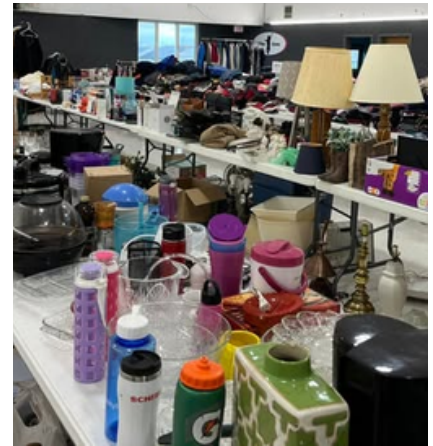
Did you realize we did all of this:

- Grimes Annual Craft Show
- Election Day Community Outreach
- Annual Garage Sale
- Governor’s Days Coffee
- End of Summer BBQ
- Corn Feed
- Breakfast with Santa & Santa’s Workshop
- Musical Merry Christmas
- Globally Minded Nights
- The Chosen
- Advent By Candle Light
- BreakFeast
- Summer Sisters
- Grimes Hunger Fight
- Student Mission Trip
- Wednesday Night Live
- VBS
- Fall Kick off
- Many Go! Events
- Tables
- Adult Studies
- Oaks of Faith Potluck
- Men’s Golf Outing



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

We partnered with the Grimes Storehouse to provide presents for children. We blessed nearly 80 children this year!



Men's and Women's Groups



Flourish

Last year, Flourish started a reset of Women's Ministry at Prairie Creek. We spent time listening to the Lord about how best we can serve you, the very busy women all around us!

We started Flourish Summer Nights, meeting 3 times during the Summer. We enjoyed fellowship, snacks, and short lessons from different teachers. Women were matched at random

for Summer Sisters Prayer. New connections were made and some of them are still going now. Advent by Candlelight was in December and was a lovely evening of peace and fellowship.

Looking forward, we are planning seasonal Women's events, stay tuned for the first one in April! Flourish Summer Nights will return starting in June. Suggestions for things you'd like to see during that lesson time are welcome!

The Foundry

Men's Monthly BreakFEAST Last year, we met on 8 Saturdays to feast on scripture and some delicious food. We had several guest speakers, and an occasional guest "cook". As many as 18 men showed up to Feast and as much as 35 tons of food were consumed (just kidding... but it felt like it!).



This year, we are moving to the first Saturday of the month (fewer conflicts). We kicked off our feast season on Feb 1 with an elk and a conversation about our conscience.

Foundry Fun

In Fall of 2024, the Men had a golf outing in September and attended Wesley Woods' Men's Retreat.

We're looking into other fun events for later spring- possibly bowling and a game night during these colder months. Suggestions welcome!

Flourish Team

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Foundry Team

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Leadership

Ever wondered how the church operates behind the scenes?

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

The SPRC serves as the Human Resources team for our church, overseeing staff, benefits, and personnel matters.

- Mike Grove - Chair
- Steve Billings
- Debbie Clark
- Jonathon Henson
- Monica Malmberg
- Patti Schipper
- Ben Wedeking

Trustees

The Trustee Team oversees the church's building, property, and all legal matters, ensuring our facilities are well-maintained and operations run smoothly.

- Dana Duckett - Chair
- Neil Stayrook - Vchair
- Steph Holm - Secretary
- Richard Hawbaker
- Nate Keuper
- Jim Nelson
- Esther Royer
- Ron Schipper
- Chris Schmidt
- John Todd
- Becky Duckett -Building Manager

Finance Team

This team is dedicated to overseeing the church's stewardship, financial reporting, and budget management, ensuring responsible and transparent financial practices.

- Aly Brown - Chair
- Amanda Cook - Secretary
- Dana Duckett -Trustee rep
- Mike Grove -SPRC rep
- Paul Newberry
- April Trager
- Bob Willson
- Becky Duckett -Business Manager

One Board

The One Board brings together representatives from each team to set the vision and direction for our church, ensuring alignment and collaboration across all areas of ministry.

- Justn Fancher - Chair
- Aly Brown
- Debbie Clark
- Dana Duckett
- Becky Duckett (non voting)
- Mike Grove
- Jonathon Henson
- Steph Holm
- Monica Malmberg
- Paul Newberry
- Esther Royer
- Chris Schmidt
- Ben Wedeking (non voting)

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Behind the Scenes: Our Incredible Tech Team



Have you ever wondered how everything comes together so seamlessly during our services and throughout the week? At Prairie Creek, we are incredibly blessed with a skilled and dedicated technology team that works tirelessly behind the scenes to keep us connected and engaged.

Leading the Charge

At the heart of our tech operations is **John Todd, our Technical Director**. Not only has he built and donated much of our equipment, but he also ensures everything runs smoothly each week. On Sundays, you'll often find John troubleshooting sound

issues, managing the sound system, and making sure everything works flawlessly. He's truly a blessing to our church!

Live Streaming & Camera Operations

If you've ever joined our services online, you've seen the work of Larry Trager, our talented camera operator. Larry skillfully zooms, switches angles, and ensures a high-quality live-streaming experience for those worshipping remotely.

When John or Larry is unavailable, Jess Dunn steps in to help keep things running. Jess, we appreciate you!

Projection Technicians

Our Projection Technicians play a vital role in every service, ensuring that song lyrics, sermon slides, and announcements appear on-screen at just the right moments. It's a fast-paced, often chaotic job, yet they handle it with precision and grace. A huge thank you to:

- Nate Keuper
- Josh Harrington
- Emily Campbell
- Katy Todd
- Steph Holm
- Cael Fox

Your dedication helps create a seamless worship experience—we couldn't do church without you!

A Heartfelt Thank You

To our entire tech team, your hard work, commitment, and expertise make an incredible difference each week. We are beyond grateful for each of you and all that you do to keep our church connected and thriving. Thank you!

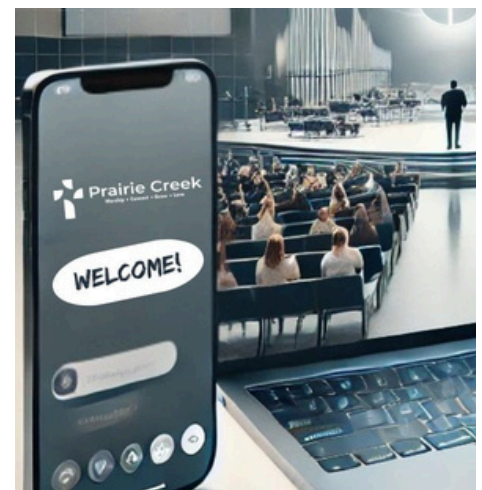
Social Media

Want to Volunteer with Social Media?

Becky Duckett
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We're grateful for our dedicated volunteers who connect with our online audience each Sunday morning. They warmly welcome viewers, engage in conversation, and offer prayer support throughout the service, helping to create a "phygital" (physical + digital) worship experience that bridges in-person and online community.

Are you interested in helping grow our social media presence? We'd love to have you on the team!



Men's & Women's Tables

Tables meet weekly to explore God's word together, listening for His guidance in a personal way. These groups focus on action over knowledge, encouraging each other to live out what they learn.

Tables gather at various times and locations throughout the week, making it easy to find one that fits your schedule. You can join anytime!

WOMEN'S TABLES

TUESDAY NOON
CONTACT ESTHER ROYER
(515)577-2048

WEDNESDAY MORNING
CONTACT REBEKAH SCHLENKER
(541)633-3004

WEDNESDAY EVENING
CONTACT JULIE WEDEKING
(515)423-5771

THURSDAY MORNING
CONTACT STEPHENIE HENSON
(515)423-5771



WEEKLY TABLES



MEN'S TABLES

MONDAY NOON
CONTACT BEN WEDEKING
(319)230-0411

TUESDAY MORNING
CONTACT JOSH DAHM
(515)419-4397

THURSDAY EVENING
CONTACT BEN WEDEKING
(319)230-0411

Home Groups

Home Groups are co-ed gatherings that meet in homes or at Prairie Creek, providing a space to grow in faith and community. These groups foster deep, long-term relationships through shared experiences and commitment to one another.

New groups form in January and August, making it easy to find the right fit.

Interested? Contact homegroups@pcgrimes.com to learn more!

Sermon Discussion Group

Wednesdays
6:15




SPEND THE EVENING WITH BEN

Wednesday Night Live

Adults

6:25-7:45pm

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT



Celebrate Easter With us!



Easter Sunday - April 20th

Services 8:30 & 10